

SECOND DAY - JANUARY 8, 2015

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION**

SECOND DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, January 8, 2015

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Todd Hilkemann, Cragmor Christian Reformed Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Speaker Hadley presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators McCoy, Mello, and Smith who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the first day was approved.

MOTION - Adopt Temporary Rules

Senator Garrett moved that the rules, as now in our possession, be adopted until such time as the permanent rules are adopted pursuant to Rule 2, Section 1; provided that the temporary rules shall not continue after the twelfth legislative day.

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

April 24, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission:

Patricia M. Kircher, 15715 California Street, Omaha, NE 68118

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

May 15, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being appointed to the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission:

Brian Barels, 6375 Country Club Drive, Columbus, NE 68601
Donald P. Batie, 43590 Road 761, Lexington, NE 68850
Joel G. Christensen, 5909 South 115th Street, Omaha, NE 68137
Steven Huggenberger, 2286 S. 120 Street, Walton, NE 68461
Henry H. (Hod) Kosman, 190498 County Road G, Scottsbluff, NE 69361
Don Kraus, 2019 Spalding Drive, Holdrege, NE 68949
Owen A. Palm, 2975 Country Club Road, Gering, NE 69341
Tom Palmertree, 1114 Jefferson Avenue, Hebron, NE 68370
Scott Smathers, 6140 South Richland Circle, Lincoln, NE 68516
Lindsey Smith, 941 North 10th Street, Broken Bow, NE 68822
Walter Dennis Strauch, 50189 Hilyard Drive, Mitchell, NE 69357

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being reappointed to an extended term to the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission:

Stan Clouse, 4907 Linden Drive Place, Kearney, NE 68847
Richard Mercer, 5815 4th Avenue, Kearney, NE 68845
Thomas Knutson, 102 Custer, St. Paul, NE 68873

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificates and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

June 18, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:

Frank R. Turk, 1833 N. 132 Avenue Circle, Omaha, NE 68154

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

June 23, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed to the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee:

Michelle Schindler, 4630 Sugar Creek Court, Lincoln, NE 68516

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee:

Gerard A. (Fred) Ruiz, 3203 Kennedy Way, Grand Island, NE 68803

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your

consideration. Copies of the certificates and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

June 23, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the State Personnel Board:

Christopher Waddle, 735 N. Derby Avenue, Giltner, NE 68841

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

July 21, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed to the State Personnel Board:

Samuel Seever, 6425 Lone Tree Drive, Lincoln, NE 68512

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

July 31, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being reappointed to the State Electrical Board:

James S. Brummer, 1823 Imperial Road, Norfolk, NE 68701
Tom Ourada, 1130 East 13 Street, Crete, NE 68333

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificates and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

August 5, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

This letter is to inform you that the request for confirmation of the appointment of Richard Mercer as a member of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission is respectfully withdrawn.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

August 6, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being reappointed to the State Board of Health:

Dr. Russell Hopp, 5610 Farnam, Omaha, NE 68132
Shane Fleming, RN, 3363 Prairie Lane, Columbus, NE 68601

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being appointed to the State Board of Health:

Dr. Travis James Teetor, 19309 Briggs Street, Omaha, NE 68130
Dr. Kevin Borchert, 15204 Summerwood Drive, Omaha, NE 68137
Dr. Heidi J. Stark, 2108 The Knolls, Lincoln, NE 68512

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificates and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

August 19, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education:

John Bernthal, 5251 Troon Drive, Lincoln, NE 68526

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

August 19, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the Technical Advisory Committee for Statewide Assessment:

Dr. Richard Sawyer, ACT, P.O. Box 168, Iowa City, IA 52243

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

September 8, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission:

Loren Taylor, 1119 S. 3rd Avenue, Broken Bow, NE 68822

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

September 8, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being appointed to the Technical Advisory Committee for Statewide Assessment:

Dr. Brian Gong, National Center of Improvement in Education Assessment,
P.O. Box 351, Dover, NH 03821
Linda Poole, 5054 South 171 Avenue, Omaha, NE 68135

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificates and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

September 8, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board:

Mary Fran Flood, 4312 Waterbury Lane, Lincoln, NE 68516

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

September 8, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission:

Thomas D. Oliver, 618 "O" Street, Bridgeport, NE 69336

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

September 24, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds:

Glenn R. Wilson Jr., 3103 Brentwood Circle, Grand Island, NE 68802

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

October 14, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being reappointed to the State Emergency Response Commission:

Tim Hofbauer, 2328 34 Street, Columbus, NE 68601
Dana Miller, 110 21 Street, Gering, NE 69341
Keith Hansen, 10700 Dawn Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68516

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificates and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

October 27, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board:

Todd Barte, 5715 Avenue Q, Kearney, NE 68847

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

November 12, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being
reappointed to the Nebraska Investment Council:

John Dinkel, 2206 Koenigstein Avenue, Norfolk, NE 68701

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your
consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are
included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

November 14, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed
to the State Board of Health:

Teresa Konda, 6211 N. 131 Street, Omaha, NE 68164

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your
consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are
included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

November 17, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being
reappointed to the Nebraska State Fair Board:

William Marshall III, 712 Grand Avenue, Grand Island, NE 68801

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your
consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are
included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

November 19, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Please withdraw the following individual from consideration for
confirmation of appointment to the State Board of Health:

Dr. Heidi J. Stark, 2018 The Knolls, Lincoln, NE 68512

Dr. Heidi Stark has resigned from the State Board of Health.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

December 5, 2014

Mr. President, Speaker Adams
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Adams and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the Nebraska Tourism Commission:

Carol E. Schlegel, 37785 Road 721, Culbertson, NE 69024

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website at:
<http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/agencies/view.php>

**2014 INTERIM REPORT
ON THE DISPOSITION OF
INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS**

Agriculture

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
531	Examine regulation of non-profit distributors under Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act			X
545	Examine efforts to stimulate local food networks		X	
558	Examine state and local means to stimulate community gardens		X	
560	Interim study to receive dairy industry report pursuant to LB941	X		

561	Examine role of private veterinarians in assisting law enforcement officers in livestock animal cruelty investigations			X
562	Examine revenue supporting implementation and enforcement of Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act		X	
563	Examine vertical coordination in the pork industry		X	
564	Examine producer welfare and regulations governing packer procurement of swine through marketing and contract production		X	

Appropriations

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
529	Interim study to examine the adequacy of provider rates to meet the needs of Nebraskans with disabilities and the providers of services			X
535	Interim study to conduct a comprehensive review of the structure of health and human services functions currently administered by the Department of Health and Human Services		X	
544	Interim study to examine the fiscal impacts of unfunded mandates			X
549	Interim study to examine issues relating to Game and Parks Commission funding			X
567	Interim study to examine potential funding sources for the Great Plains Black History Museum, Science and Technology Center in Omaha, Nebraska			X

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
498	Interim study to further examine the updating of Nebraska's business entity statutes		X	
499	Interim study to examine whether the Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Act should be updated		X	
501	Interim study to examine whether the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act should be updated			X
497	Interim study to examine whether Nebraska should amend its insurance statutes to authorize property and casualty to provide electronic delivery of insurance notices and documents and Internet posting of certain insurance policies			X
506	Interim study to examine whether changes in the electronic payments market rendering section 8-157.01 unworkable and inapplicable to financial institutions			X

Business and Labor

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
547	Interim study to examine issues surrounding labor shortage areas in the state and opportunities available to Nebraska's future workforce			X
551	Interim study to examine enforcement under the Employee Classification Act and the effect misclassification has on facets of business and labor in Nebraska			X
554	Interim study to gather information and study the possible existence and extent of labor trafficking in the State of Nebraska			X

Education

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
508	Interim study to examine issues surrounding the Nebraska P-16 Initiative organized and managed by the University of Nebraska			X
519	Interim study to evaluate current course offering for high school students in Nebraska			X
525	Interim study to examine the skills gap in Nebraska's workforce and to identify options for workforce education			X
526	Interim study to examine options to provide incentives for professional growth and development of teachers as the means to increased student achievement and success in Nebraska public schools			X
532	Interim study to examine utilization of federal school breakfast and lunch programs and the impact of new federal options on Nebraska			X
546	Interim study to review existing state and local programs and policies on expanded learning opportunities			X
568	Interim study to examine options for the creation of a Nebraska educational trust fund for the purpose of stabilizing the availability of state aid to education when there is a significant decline in state sales and income tax revenue			X
579	Interim study to examine the need-based financial aid program, the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Act, to determine whether the program is sufficient to meet the needs of students			X
588	Interim study to examine the establishment of an early childhood data governance entity			X

600	Interim study to examine issues surrounding the use of a foundation formula per student in the calculation of need for a school district and use of an income factor in the calculation of resources for state aid purposes			X
618	Interim study of issues under the jurisdiction of the Education Committee			X

Executive Board

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
536	Interim study to examine the process of creating legislative task forces, committees, and commissions	X		

General Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
577	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the General Affairs Committee		X	
578	Interim study to examine the various Nebraska agricultural products used in the production of craft beer and distilled spirits	X		

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
582	Interim study to review the work of the Task Force on Unfunded Mandates created in 1996 and to study the impacts of unfunded and underfunded mandates on counties and county governments	X		
581	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee (handicapped parking)		X	

527	Interim study to examine the reasons why emergency disaster payments made by or through the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are not made in a timely manner once awarded		X	
557	Interim study to examine the need to appropriate funds to Memorial Park in Omaha, Nebraska, for improvements to the parks and to examine ways to honor our veterans		X	
538	Interim study to examine issues surrounding the implementation of an electronic notary system in Nebraska		X	

Health and Human Services

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
517	Examine ways to improve the quality and availability of interpreter services for Nebraskans who are deaf or hard of hearing			X
518	Examine the need to craft a policy to ensure that women who choose to give birth at home are adequately supported by trained health care professionals			X
530	Examine existing and proposed programs, policies, administrative rules, and statutes that impact the financial stability of working families in Nebraska			X
533	Assess the enrollment of former foster youth in the new medicaid category for youth formerly in foster care up to age 26 in Nebraska under the new federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act		Hearing Held: October 24, 2014	

539	Examine whether the maximum payment rate in the Aid to Dependent Children program, is adequate to meet the goals of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, including keeping children in their own home		Hearing Held: October 24, 2014	
540	Examine the treatment and services for people dually diagnosed with I/DD and MI or I/DD and behavioral health problems			X
541	Examine the implementation of educational stability plans for children in foster care under the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008			X
559	Examine issues surrounding the Medicaid Reform Council			X
565	Examine whether adding antidepressant, antipsychotic, and anticonvulsant drugs to the medicaid preferred drug list would be of benefit to Nebraska medicaid or Nebraska medicaid clients			X
574	Explore the need for fully integrated residential services for people who are deaf and hard of hearing	Report issued by the Introducer		
575	Examine issues surrounding in-home personal services			X
576	Examine the current status of the sharing of electronic health records and health information exchanges in Nebraska			X
580	Examine the reform effort of Nebraska's behavioral health system			X
586	Gather information and make recommendations to craft policy to support and continue electronic health records exchanges and health information initiatives			X
587	Gather information and make recommendations to craft policy to support the creation of a sustainable community health workforce in Nebraska			X

592	Examine various methods of behavioral health workforce development		Hearing Held: October 24, 2014	
596	Evaluate the potential uses of Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment and out-of-hospital Do Not Resuscitate protocols		Hearing Held: October 24, 2014	
601	Examine the impact of implementing, and the impact of failing to implement, medicaid expansion in Nebraska		Hearing Held: December 2, 2014	
624	Examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee			X

Judiciary

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
433	Interim study to examine issues relating to production, possession, and use of hemp oil for the purposes of treating epileptic seizures	X		
520	Interim study to examine the problems that law enforcement is encountering since the State of Colorado legalized the sale and recreational use of marijuana		X	
534	Interim study to examine issues surrounding patent assertion entities, commonly referred to as "patent trolls"			X
542	Interim study to examine issues regarding the current guardian ad litem system			X
543	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee		X	
548	Interim study to assess how the State of Nebraska can improve the coordination and provision of child welfare services for Native American children and families			X

552	Interim study to examine Nebraska's juvenile courts, especially juvenile courts within Douglas County			X
553	Interim study to examine the issue of drivers' licenses for young Nebraskans who have been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals by the Department of Homeland Security			X
569	Interim study to examine the professional development of forensic science in Nebraska			X
584	Interim study to examine issues relating to changing recreational liability provisions			X
591	Interim study to review issues surrounding child custody proceedings and parenting time determinations as they pertain to families of divorce			X

Natural Resources Committee

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
491	Interim study to examine the need to clarify and expand application of LB985 (2014), which provided standing to natural resources districts and requirements for water appropriations		X	
597	Interim study to examine methods by which to find balance between water resources and water uses in areas under interstate compacts, cooperative agreements, or decrees			X
590	Interim study to examine the organizational structure of public power			X
589	Interim study to evaluate the local and statewide health impacts of burning coal			X

628	Interim study to examine the role of Nebraska state government in establishing and implementing standards of performance for existing carbon dioxide emissions from public power plants within the state			X
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Nebraska Retirement Systems

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
521	Interim study to examine the public employees retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board		X	

Revenue

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
571	State Income Tax Changes	12-12-14		
566	Ag Land Valuation Changes	12-12-14		
573	State Aid to Political Subdivisions	12-31-14		
572	Expansions of Sales Tax Base	12-12-14		
598	Federal Mandate for Remote Sellers: Sales Tax	12-12-14		
570	Tax Incentive Programs			X
594	Constitutional Limits on Property Tax Relief		X	
556	Local Use of Property Tax: Schools and Justice System			X
510	Use of Offshore Tax Shelters		X	

Transportation and Telecommunications

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
522	Interim study to examine the U.S. Dept. of Transportation's Maritime Administration's designation of the Missouri River from South Sioux City, Nebraska, south to Kansas City, Missouri, as the M-29 Marine Highway Connector			X

523	Interim study to examine alternative transportation options and recommended potential changes to Nebraska's statutes	X		
528	Interim study to examine issues surrounding financing the maintenance and replacement of county bridges	X		
537	Interim study to examine implementation, management, operation, and ongoing development of Next Generation 911 service in Nebraska		X	

Urban Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
555	Interim study to examine how cities and villages provide services to residents located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction or sanitary improvement districts of such cities and villages		X	
585	Interim study to examine the Nebraska statutes relating to cities of the first class			X
593	Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Urban Affairs Committee			X
595	Interim study to examine the impact of Nebraska changing to a home rule state in matters of local concern			X
599	Interim study to examine issues surrounding the use of tax increment financing under the Community Development Law in Nebraska		X	

COMMUNICATIONS

Received a copy of House Joint Resolution No. 22 from the state of Alaska, requesting the United States Congress to call a convention of the states to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution that imposes fiscal restraints on the federal government, limits the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limits the terms of office of federal government officials.

Received a copy of Senate Resolution 371 from the state of Georgia calling for a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution for the purpose of proposing a balanced budget amendment.

Received a copy of Senate Resolution 736 from the state of Georgia calling for a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States relating to fiscal restraints, and limitation on terms of office for members of Congress.

Received a copy of House Concurrent Resolution No. 70 from the state of Louisiana relating to a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution.

Received a copy of House Joint Resolution No. 548 from the state of Tennessee to make application to the Congress of the United States pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution to call a constitutional convention for the sole purpose of proposing a balanced budget amendment and other related fiscal restraints.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Committee on Committees elected Senator Coash as Vice Chairperson.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES PRELIMINARY REPORT

Senator McCoy offered the following Committee on Committees report:

Agriculture (8)

Rm. 2102 - Tuesday

Johnson (C), Bloomfield, Chambers, Harr, B., Kolterman, Larson, Riepe, Schilz

Appropriations (9)

Rm. 1524 - Monday & Tuesday

Rm. 1003 - Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Mello (C), Bolz, Haar, K., Hilkemann, Kintner, Kuehn, Nordquist, Stinner, Watermeier

Banking, Commerce and Insurance (8)

Rm. 1507 - Monday & Tuesday

Scheer (C), Campbell, Craighead, Gloor, Howard, Lindstrom, Schumacher, Williams

Business and Labor (7)

Rm. 2102 - Monday

Harr, B. (C), Bloomfield, Chambers, Crawford, Ebke, Johnson, McCollister

Education (8)

Rm. 1525 - Monday & Tuesday

Sullivan (C), Baker, Cook, Groene, Kolowski, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Schnoor

General Affairs (8)

Rm. 1510 - Monday

Larson (C), Coash, Hansen, Hughes, Kolterman, Krist, Riepe, Schilz

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs (8)

Rm. 1507 - Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Murante (C), Bloomfield, Craighead, Garrett, Groene, Hansen, Larson, McCoy

Health and Human Services (7)

Rm. 1510 - Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Campbell (C), Baker, Cook, Crawford, Howard, Kolterman, Riepe

Judiciary (8)

Rm. 1113 - Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Seiler (C), Chambers, Coash, Ebke, Krist, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Williams

Natural Resources (8)

Rm. 1525 - Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Schilz (C), Friesen, Hughes, Johnson, Kolowski, Lindstrom, McCollister, Schnoor

Nebraska Retirement Systems (6)

Rm. 1525 - At call of Chair

Nordquist (C), Davis, Groene, Kolowski, Kolterman, Mello

Revenue (8)

Rm. 1524 - Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Gloor (C), Brasch, Davis, Harr, B., Scheer, Schumacher, Smith, Sullivan

Transportation and Telecommunications (8)

Rm. 1113 - Monday & Tuesday

Smith (C), Brasch, Davis, Friesen, Garrett, McCoy, Murante, Seiler

Urban Affairs (7)

Rm. 1510 - Tuesday

Crawford (C), Coash, Ebke, Hansen, Hughes, Krist, McCollister

Committee on Committees (13)

McCoy (C)

District 1:Campbell
Coash (VC)
Garrett
SchumacherDistrict 2:Harr, B.
Krist
Mello
SmithDistrict 3:Bloomfield
Hadley
Schilz
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Garrett (C), Bloomfield, Krist, Nordquist, Schumacher, Hadley (ex officio)

Executive Board of the Legislative Council (9)

Krist (C), Watermeier (VC), Campbell, Chambers, Coash, Hadley, Hughes, Larson, Murante, Mello (nonvoting ex officio)

BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following bills were read for the first time by title:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1. Introduced by Executive Board: Krist, 10, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to a transfer of property; to eliminate a provision relating to transfer of property taking place in 1994; and to outright repeal section 83-1,100.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 2. Introduced by Executive Board: Krist, 10, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to correctional facilities; to eliminate provisions relating to design and location of certain correctional facilities done in 1970's; and to outright repeal section 83-954, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 3. Introduced by Executive Board: Krist, 10, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2701, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to repeal provisions relating to tax credits that terminated January 1, 2010; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal sections 77-27,228, 77-27,229, 77-27,230, 77-27,231, 77-27,232, 77-27,233,

and 77-27,234, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 4. Introduced by Executive Board: Krist, 10, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Opportunity Zone Act; to repeal provisions that terminated December 31, 2010; and to outright repeal sections 81-12,117, 81-12,118, 81-12,119, 81-12,120, 81-12,121, 81-12,123, and 81-12,124, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 5. Introduced by Executive Board: Krist, 10, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Innovation and High Wage Employment Act; to repeal provisions that terminated January 1, 2011; and to outright repeal sections 48-2801, 48-2802, 48-2803, 48-2804, and 48-2805, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 6. Introduced by Executive Board: Krist, 10, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to prenatal services; to repeal a provision that terminated June 30, 2011; and to outright repeal section 68-721, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 7. Introduced by Executive Board: Krist, 10, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program; to repeal a provision that terminated June 30, 2011; and to outright repeal section 81-1212, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 8. Introduced by Executive Board: Krist, 10, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature; to amend section 71-821, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 50-424, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to repeal provisions that terminated on December 31, 2012; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 71-827, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 9. Introduced by Executive Board: Krist, 10, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Republican River Basin Water Sustainability Task Force; to repeal provisions that terminated on June 30, 2012; to repeal a fund that is no longer needed; and to outright repeal

sections 46-2,140 and 46-2,141, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 10. Introduced by McCoy, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to presidential electors; to amend section 32-1038, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 32-710, 32-713, and 32-714, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions relating to ballots cast by presidential electors; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 11. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Managed Care Plan Network Adequacy Act; to amend section 44-7105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit rules proscribing participation by or reimbursement to a provider with a familial relationship to the covered person receiving services; to provide a requirement for access plans; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 12. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to medicaid; to provide for suspension of medical assistance for inmates of public institutions as prescribed; and to provide duties for state and local agencies as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 13. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Juvenile Services Act; to amend section 43-2404.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions relating to the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 14. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend sections 28-101, 28-1201, and 28-1351, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to create the offense of use of a facsimile firearm or nonfunctioning firearm to commit a felony; to provide a penalty; to define a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 15. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juveniles; to amend section 43-272.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to provide additional powers and duties for guardians ad litem; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 16. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government purchasing; to amend sections 81-159, 81-1118, and 83-145, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 73-507, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to adopt the Purchasing from Persons with Disabilities Act; to change requirements for bidding and purchases by state and local governments; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 17. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to gambling; to amend sections 9-1,101, 9-831, and 9-1006, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions relating to transfers to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 18. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-217, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to immunizations; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 19. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act; to amend section 71-5306, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to certification of laboratories as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 20. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions relating to income tax exemptions for social security benefits and military retirement benefits; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 21. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to behavioral health services; to amend sections 71-801, 71-806, and 71-831, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to provide requirements for rate increases for providers; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 22. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act; to amend section 81-3401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to

provide immunity to architects and professional engineers for certain professional services performed during an emergency; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 23. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to engineers and architects; to amend sections 81-3401, 81-3402, 81-3403, 81-3404, 81-3405.01, 81-3407, 81-3408, 81-3409, 81-3411, 81-3412, 81-3414, 81-3415, 81-3416, 81-3418, 81-3420, 81-3421, 81-3422, 81-3422.01, 81-3423, 81-3425, 81-3427, 81-3428, 81-3429, 81-3430, 81-3432, 81-3432.01, 81-3433, 81-3434, 81-3435, 81-3436, 81-3437, 81-3438, 81-3441, 81-3442, 81-3443, 81-3444, 81-3446, 81-3448, 81-3449, 81-3450, 81-3451, 81-3453, and 81-3454, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act; to eliminate certain defined terms and provisions on examinations; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 81-3406, 81-3410, 81-3413, 81-3417, 81-3419, 81-3424, and 81-3452, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 24. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Capitol Commission; to amend sections 72-2204, 72-2211.01, 72-2213, and 81-1108.38, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the appointment and qualifications of the State Capitol Administrator; to change provisions of the Capitol Commission Revolving Fund; to provide and change powers and duties for the Nebraska Capitol Commission and the Office of the Nebraska Capitol Commission; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 25. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to courts; to amend sections 29-1816, 43-245, 43-246.01, 43-247, and 43-2,129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change court jurisdiction as prescribed; to define a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 26. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 49-801.01, 77-2715.07, 77-2717, and 77-2734.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to adopt the Choice for the Advancement of Nebraska Children in Education Act; to provide for tax credits; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to provide for severability; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 27. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to vital statistics; to amend section 71-615,

Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to create a reporting requirement when parenting time is established or modified; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 28. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to radon; to adopt the Radon Resistant New Construction Act; to require radon resistant new construction as prescribed; to provide powers and duties for the Department of Health and Human Services; and to create a task force.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 29. Introduced by McCoy, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-248, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to health inspections as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 30. Introduced by McCoy, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to firearms; to prohibit disclosure of any applicant or permit holder information regarding firearms registration, possession, sale, or use as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 31. Introduced by Bloomfield, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motorcycles and mopeds; to amend section 60-4,182, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to eliminate motorcycle and moped helmet requirements; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal sections 60-6,278, 60-6,279, 60-6,280, 60-6,281, and 60-6,282, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 32. Introduced by Mello, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agency budgeting; to provide strategic duties for the Department of Correctional Services.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 33. Introduced by Mello, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state budgeting; to amend section 77-2715.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to require revenue volatility reporting as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 34. Introduced by Howard, 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real estate; to amend section 76-2,120, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to adopt the Carbon

Monoxide Safety Act; to require information relating to compliance with the act on disclosure statements for sales of real estate; to provide a duty for the State Real Estate Commission; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 35. Introduced by Howard, 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to corporations; to amend Laws 2014, LB 749, section 295; and sections 21-402, 21-403, 21-404, 21-405, 21-407, 21-408, 21-409, 21-410, 21-412, 21-414, and 70-1903, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act operative date; to change Business Corporation Act references in the Nebraska Benefit Corporation Act and the Rural Community-based Energy Development Act; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 36. Introduced by Bolz, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to community colleges; to amend section 85-1539, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Community College Gap Assistance Program Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 37. Introduced by Krist, 10; Campbell, 25; Cook, 13; Crawford, 45; Gloor, 35; Howard, 9; Mello, 5; Watermeier, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to drugs; to amend sections 28-425, 38-2810, 38-2811, 38-2819, 38-2831, 38-2833, 38-2837, 38-2843, 38-2866, 38-2884, 38-2887, 38-2890, 38-2892, 38-2895, 38-2899, 71-436, 71-2401, 71-2402, 71-2404, 71-2405, 71-2426, 71-2427, 71-2440, 71-2441, 71-2501, 71-2502, 71-2505, 71-2506, 71-2507, 71-2509, 71-2510, 71-2512, 71-5401.01, 71-5401.02, 71-5402, 71-5403, 71-5404, 71-5405, 71-5406, 71-5407, 71-5409, 71-7436, and 71-7444, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-2801, 38-2802, 38-2850, 38-2867, 38-2869, 38-2870, 71-401, 71-403, 71-448, 71-2421, 71-2453, and 71-7447, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to adopt the Prescription Drug Safety Act; to transfer, provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to poisons, medicinal substances, prescription drugs and devices, the practice of pharmacy, and the licensure of pharmacies; to name the Poison Control Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 28-1438, 38-2848, 71-2403, and 71-2511, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 28-1437, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 38. Introduced by Kolowski, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 28-101 and 28-306, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change penalties for motor vehicle homicide; to provide penalties for causing serious bodily injury to vulnerable road users; to define a term; to harmonize

provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 39. Introduced by Kolowski, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend section 60-6,317, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-601 and 60-6,133, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to provide and change requirements for overtaking and passing bicycles; to provide and eliminate requirements for persons operating bicycles; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 40. Introduced by Nordquist, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend sections 23-2305.01, 24-704.01, 79-904.01, 81-2019.01, 84-1305.02, and 84-1503, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to grant the Public Employees Retirement Board certain investigative powers; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41. Introduced by Nordquist, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend sections 23-1118 and 23-2301, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to redefine county for purposes of the county employees retirement; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 42. Introduced by Nordquist, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend section 13-2402, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions relating to annual reports; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 43. Introduced by Coash, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Probate Code; to amend sections 30-2619, 30-3002, 30-3003, 30-3004, and 30-3005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 30-2201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to provide for appointment of standby guardians for incapacitated persons; to transfer and change provisions regarding recovery of estate assets; to provide for recovery of assets of wards as prescribed; to provide enforcement procedures; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 44. Introduced by Coash, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to infants; to amend section 43-104.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions relating to Notice of Objection to Adoption and Intent to Obtain Custody; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 45. Introduced by Coash, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; to amend section 60-3,104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to eliminate provisions regarding film vehicles; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal sections 60-327 and 60-383, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 46. Introduced by Watermeier, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Statewide Trauma System Act; to amend sections 71-8201, 71-8203, 71-8204, 71-8206, 71-8212, 71-8217, 71-8229, 71-8230, 71-8240, 71-8244, 71-8245, and 71-8248, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to rehabilitation centers and trauma centers; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 47. Introduced by Watermeier, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act; to amend section 60-494, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-484 and 60-4,144, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions relating to applications and anatomical gifts; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48. Introduced by Scheer, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 44-1525, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to designate certain acts by insurers as unfair trade practices; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 49. Introduced by Scheer, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require formation of allied systems as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 50. Introduced by Scheer, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend sections 43-2511 and 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions relating to covered services; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 51. Introduced by Scheer, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act; to amend sections 44-4301 and 44-4309, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require certain disclosures prior to joining a risk management

pool; to change provisions relating to termination of participation in a pool; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 52. Introduced by Scheer, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2704.15, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to exempt sanitary drainage districts from sales and use taxes; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 53. Introduced by Scheer, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; to amend section 60-3,100, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to provide for issuance of one license plate for passenger cars as prescribed; to provide a fee; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 54. Introduced by Scheer, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to universities and colleges; to amend section 85-1413, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to statewide transfer-of-credit policies; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 55. Introduced by Scheer, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Emergency Management Act; to amend section 81-829.42, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide authority to the Adjutant General to make emergency expenditures as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 56. Introduced by Scheer, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state property; to provide procedures for donations of real property to the Northeast Community College Area; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 57. Introduced by Scheer, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services to demolish certain buildings; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 58. Introduced by Scheer, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend sections 79-1001 and 79-1022, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for distribution of certain funds as described; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections;

and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 59. Introduced by Scheer, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend section 79-1016, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to valuation; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 60. Introduced by Kintner, 2; Craighead, 6; Ebke, 32; Garrett, 3; Schnoor, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to firearms; to authorize possession of firearms as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 61. Introduced by Bolz, 29; Campbell, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 68-130, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change funding for county offices; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal section 81-1139.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 62. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to provide an income tax deduction for loan principal payments for graduate degrees as prescribed; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 63. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to provide an income tax deduction to certain taxpayers for the amount of income subjected to federal social security taxes as prescribed; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 64. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to provide an income tax deduction for the income earned from second jobs; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 65. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to counties; to amend section 23-2,100, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to

termination of township boards; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 66. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to bonds; to amend section 13-928, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require disclosure statements as prescribed; to provide for joint and several liability; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 67. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Governmental Unit Security Interest Act; to amend sections 10-1101, 10-1102, 10-1103, 10-1104, 10-1105, 10-1106, and 70-1813, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to rename the act; to define and redefine terms; to provide for governmental unit bond priority; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 68. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2716 and 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to eliminate step-up basis for real estate located in this state for determination of capital gains; to provide for use of funds; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 69. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2715.07 and 77-2734.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to provide an income tax credit for corporate income taxes paid as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 70. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act; to amend sections 77-3004, 77-3005, 77-3006, 77-3007, 77-3008, 77-3009, 77-3010, and 77-3011, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize cities, villages, and counties to impose occupation taxes on certain mechanical amusement devices; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 71. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to adopt the Agricultural Property Tax Credit Act; and to provide a property tax credit for agricultural land and horticultural land as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 72. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to medicaid; to amend sections 30-3880, 30-3881, 30-3882, and 77-2018.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions relating to the powers of trustees; to provide a lien for medicaid reimbursement as prescribed; to require a notice of inheritance tax petitions; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 73. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to adopt the Modern Tax Act; to impose a tax on the interest paid on certain loans; and to provide an operative date.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 74. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2703 and 77-2708, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change the sales and use tax collection fees; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 75. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 39-2703, 77-2701, and 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to adopt the Taxpayer Investment Program; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 76. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-3504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions relating to the earned income tax credit; to redefine household income for purposes of the homestead exemption; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 77. Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Campbell, 25; Cook, 13; Haar, K., 21; Hansen, 26; Howard, 9; Morfeld, 46; Pansing Brooks, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to require a state plan amendment relating to coverage for family planning services; to state intent relating to appropriations; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 78. Introduced by Gloor, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act; to amend section 44-4304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the public agencies authorized to enter into agreements; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 79. Introduced by Gloor, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to require coverage for renewals of prescription eye drops as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 80. Introduced by Gloor, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Dentistry Practice Act; to amend sections 38-1101, 38-1102, 38-1108, 38-1112, 38-1113, 38-1137, 38-1138, 38-1139, 38-1140, 38-1141, 38-1142, 38-1143, 38-1144, 38-1145, 38-1146, 38-1147, and 38-1148, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide, change, and eliminate requirements for permits for anesthesia, analgesia, and sedation as prescribed; to provide, change, and eliminate definitions; to provide requirements for sedation; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 81. Introduced by Cook, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to social services; to amend section 68-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions relating to eligibility for assistance; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 82. Introduced by Cook, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent relating to support of dental services.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 83. Introduced by Cook, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act; to amend section 48-1228, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to provide certain protections for employees relating to wage disclosure; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 84. Introduced by Davis, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public meetings; to amend section 84-1411, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for a public body to use telephone conferencing or videoconferencing as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 85. Introduced by Davis, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Livestock Brand Act; to amend section 54-1,108, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to increase the brand inspection fee; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 86. Introduced by Davis, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game and Parks Commission; to amend sections 37-101, 37-102, and 37-104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for a ninth district and a tenth member; to change quorum requirements; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 87. Introduced by Campbell, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Children's Commission; to amend sections 43-4202 and 43-4207, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change membership on the commission; to change a reporting deadline; to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 88. Introduced by Campbell, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to fees; to amend section 33-110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to increase fees for marriage licenses as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 89. Introduced by Campbell, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 43-513, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 43-512, 68-1713, and 68-1726, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions relating to aid to dependent children; to change provisions related to an earned income disregard; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 90. Introduced by Campbell, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act; to amend sections 71-6207.02 and 71-6223.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; to change provisions regarding initiation of a directed review; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 91. Introduced by Johnson, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to livestock; to repeal provisions regarding scabies, diseased swine, and hog cholera; to repeal the Hog Cholera Control and Eradication Act; and to outright repeal sections 54-724.01, 54-724.02, 54-726.04, 54-1401, 54-1402, 54-1403, 54-1403, 54-1404, 54-1405, 54-1406,

54-1407, 54-1408, 54-1409, 54-1410, 54-1411, 54-1501, 54-1503, 54-1505, 54-1508, 54-1509, 54-1510, 54-1511, 54-1512, 54-1513, 54-1514, 54-1515, 54-1516, 54-1517, 54-1518, 54-1519, 54-1520, 54-1521, 54-1522, and 54-1523, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 92. Introduced by Johnson, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Agricultural Liming Materials Act; to amend sections 2-4323, 2-4324, 2-4326, and 2-4327, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for annual report filing and report publication; to change provisions relating to enforcement; to provide for seizure and disposal of noncompliant agricultural liming materials; to change penalties; to provide a duty for the Attorney General and local county attorneys; to remove an obsolete provision; to provide operative dates; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 93. Introduced by Johnson, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act; to amend sections 81-2,162.02, 81-2,162.04, 81-2,162.05, 81-2,162.06, 81-2,162.07, 81-2,162.08, 81-2,162.11, 81-2,162.23, and 81-2,162.27, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define and redefine terms; to change commercial fertilizer labeling requirements; to change penalties; to change requirements for publishing sales information; to remove a license application requirement; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 94. Introduced by Smith, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-165.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for issuance of a printed certificate of title to a nonresident as prescribed; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 95. Introduced by Smith, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to bicycles; to amend sections 28-109, 39-101, 60-122, 60-338, 60-611, 60-637, 60-638, and 60-640, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-123, 60-339, 60-471, 60-4,182, and 60-501, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to redefine bicycle to include certain electric-powered bicycles; to exclude bicycles from certain definitions of motor vehicle; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 96. Introduced by Smith, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-528, 79-1007.18, 79-1008.02, 79-1022, 79-1036, 79-1041, 79-10,120, 79-10,126, 79-2104, 79-2111, and 79-2404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and

sections 70-651.04, 77-1736.06, and 77-3442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to eliminate certain taxing authority of learning communities; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 79-1073, 79-1073.01, and 79-10,126.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 97. Introduced by Smith, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to license plates; to amend sections 60-3,122 and 60-3,124, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate additional fees for Pearl Harbor and disabled veteran plates; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 98. Introduced by Bolz, 29; Gloor, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent relating to appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for tobacco use prevention control.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 99. Introduced by Sullivan, 41; Cook, 13; Kolowski, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend section 85-1429, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate a duty for the Education Committee of the Legislature as prescribed; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 100. Introduced by Sullivan, 41; Cook, 13; Kolowski, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community College Aid Act; to amend sections 85-1503 and 85-2234, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for allocation of state aid amounts to tribally controlled community colleges; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 101. Introduced by Sullivan, 41; Cook, 13; Kolowski, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend section 79-760.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to a statewide assessment and reporting system; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 102. Introduced by Sullivan, 41; Cook, 13; Crawford, 45; Kolowski, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend sections 85-1412, 85-2101, 85-2102, 85-2104, 85-2106, and 85-2108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to rename and change provisions

relating to the Access College Early Scholarship Program Act; to create a scholarship program; to provide for eligibility; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 103. Introduced by Kintner, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-2,136, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to participation in school-sponsored athletic activities; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 104. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to utility service; to amend section 70-1605, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions relating to notice of discontinuance of service; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 105. Introduced by Watermeier, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to county government; to amend sections 23-1801, 23-1822, 33-139, and 48-135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 33-138, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions relating to the payment of fees and costs associated with the deaths of incarcerated persons and grand juries; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 106. Introduced by Watermeier, 1; Johnson, 23; Murante, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to livestock; to amend section 23-114, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Livestock Operation Siting and Expansion Act; to change powers of counties relating to certain zoning actions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 107. Introduced by Crawford, 45; Campbell, 25; Cook, 13; Groene, 42; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24; Krist, 10; Kuehn, 38; Riepe, 12; Watermeier, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to nurses; to amend sections 38-206, 38-2302, 38-2310, 38-2322, and 38-2323, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-2301 and 38-2315, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to eliminate requirements for integrated practice agreements for nurse practitioners; to provide for transition-to-practice agreements; to change provisions relating to credentialing and regulation; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 108. Introduced by Crawford, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska to fund behavioral health internships.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 109. Introduced by Crawford, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend section 85-502.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change residency requirements for veterans; to change applicability with respect to veterans; to remove a reference to a federal law; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 110. Introduced by Larson, 40; Mello, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for pediatric cancer specialists.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 111. Introduced by Larson, 40; Brasch, 16; Ebke, 32; Kintner, 2; Schilz, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend sections 32-110.02, 32-311.01, 32-914, 32-938, and 32-1027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 32-321, 32-902, 32-915, 32-947, 32-953, 32-1002, 60-4,115, and 60-4,181, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to require presentation of a government-issued photographic identification document to vote; to provide exceptions; to provide for provisional ballots; to change requirements for identification for certain first-time voters; to change provisions for issuance of state identification cards; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 32-318.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 112. Introduced by Larson, 40; Schilz, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to presidential elections; to adopt the Interstate Compact on the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 113. Introduced by Larson, 40; Kintner, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to correctional services; to amend sections 47-701, 47-704, and 83-1,135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for a copayment for health care services; to provide exemptions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

RESOLUTION(S)**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 1.** Introduced by Watermeier, 1.

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Ediger was born in York, Nebraska and grew up in Aurora, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ediger earned a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Nebraska, a master's degree in piano performance, and a doctorate in theory and composition from the University of Northern Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ediger joined the Peru State College's faculty in 1979, serving as director of the concert choir and madrigal singers, and taught courses in music theory, music history, music education, and piano; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ediger founded Peru State College's Piano Extravaganza in 1990, coordinated the college's annual High School Show Choir Festival and Choral Festival Honor Choir, and directed and produced the annual Holiday Madrigal Dinner; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Dr. Ediger was awarded the Music Teachers National Association's (MTNA) Foundation Fellow Award in recognition of his service and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ediger was a three-time winner of the Peru State College Teacher Excellence Award; and

WHEREAS, during his 35 years at Peru State College, Dr. Ediger positively influenced the lives of thousands of students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ediger passed away on August 20, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature honor the memory of Dr. Thomas Ediger, an accomplished musician, whose talent, kindness, and commitment to Peru State College and his students will be greatly missed.

2. That the Legislature express and extend its sympathy and condolences at the passing of Dr. Ediger.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the School of Arts and Sciences at Peru State College.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 2. Introduced by Davis, 43.

WHEREAS, Chadron High School was ranked 433rd out of the 500 schools on Newsweek's 2014 America's Top High Schools list; and

WHEREAS, Chadron High School was one of only three Nebraska schools that made the list; and

WHEREAS, Newsweek's rankings aim to identify the public high schools in the United States that do the best job of preparing students for college and overcoming the obstacles posed by socio-economic inequality; and

WHEREAS, despite a 33% poverty rate, Chadron High School ranked in the 71st percentile in college readiness, the 62nd percentile in college-bound students, and the 95th percentile in graduation rate; and

WHEREAS, in April 2014, Chadron High School was ranked the #2 Best High School in Nebraska by U.S. News and World Report; and

WHEREAS, Chadron High School is the only Nebraska school to be named to both lists for 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates the students, faculty, and staff of Chadron High School on their admirable rankings and applauds their dedication to a high standard of education.

2. That the Legislature recognizes the superior administration of Dr. Caroline Winchester, superintendent, and Jerry Mack, principal, and thanks them for their commitment to their students.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Chadron Public Schools superintendent Dr. Caroline Winchester and principal Jerry Mack.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 3. Introduced by Davis, 43.

WHEREAS, Hay Springs High School was ranked 133rd out of the 500 schools on Newsweek's 2014 America's Top High Schools list; and

WHEREAS, Hay Springs High School was the highest of only three Nebraska schools that made the list; and

WHEREAS, Newsweek's rankings aim to identify the public high schools in the United States that do the best job of preparing students for college and overcoming the obstacles posed by socio-economic inequality; and

WHEREAS, despite a 44% poverty rate, Hay Springs High School ranked in the 91st percentile in college readiness, the 71st percentile in college-bound students, and the 81st percentile in graduation rate; and

WHEREAS, this ranking is a testament to the dedication of the students, as well as the commitment of the faculty and staff to ensuring the best educational opportunities for the students at Hay Springs, a school that has struggled in the past; and

WHEREAS, over the last five years, Hay Springs High School has progressed from being a persistently low-achieving school to reaching a 100% graduation rate and being recognized nationally for its success at college preparation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates the students, faculty, and staff of Hay Springs High School on their admirable ranking and applauds their whole-hearted commitment to a high standard of education.

2. That the Legislature congratulates Steve Pummel, superintendent and principal, on the vast improvement to the school over his six years as superintendent, and thanks him for his dedicated leadership.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Steve Pummel, Hay Springs superintendent and principal.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 4. Introduced by Davis, 43.

WHEREAS, the Hemingford High School football team won the 2014 Class D-1 Football Championship by defeating Bruning-Davenport-Shickley by a score of 52-8; and

WHEREAS, the Hemingford High School football team lost the 2013 D-1 Championship by two points to Exeter-Milligan; and

WHEREAS, the win gave the Hemingford High School their first football championship and the first championship for a Nebraska panhandle team since 1986; and

WHEREAS, the Hemingford High School football team ended their 2014 season with a record of 13-0; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Hemingford High School football team on its undefeated season and winning the 2014 Class D-1 Football Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hemingford High School football team and Coach Jordan Haas.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 5. Introduced by Davis, 43.

WHEREAS, the original Modisett Ball Park was built in 1939 with \$12,000 given to Rushville by the Modisetts, a Sheridan County ranching family, for the express purpose of building a community ballpark; and

WHEREAS, over the last 70 years, the park, which was rated the second-best baseball field in Nebraska at one time, had fallen into severe disrepair with little funding for upkeep and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, last year, in response to a donation request to help renovate the dilapidated ballpark, Rushville natives John and Carmen Gottschalk pledged \$250,000 toward a complete rebuilding of the ballpark if the town could raise \$100,000, which the town met and exceeded by the deadline of March 2014; and

WHEREAS, the half-million dollar project included rebuilding the grandstand, laying new sod, installing an underground sprinkler system, new

detached restrooms, bleachers for additional seating, light poles, below grade dugouts, and an original sculpture by George Lundeen; and

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2014, Rushville and the surrounding community celebrated the grand-reopening of Modisett Ball Park with festivities and a fireworks show for a crowd of over 500. John Gottschalk threw out the first pitch in what would be a 7-4 win for Rushville over Chadron.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulate the community of Rushville and the project's many donors on bringing Modisett Ball Park back to life and renewing this spectacular historic place for everyone, young and old, to enjoy baseball.

2. That the Legislature express its gratitude to John and Carmen Gottschalk for their generosity to the Rushville community.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Chris Heiser, mayor of Rushville, to the Sheridan County Journal Star, and to John and Carmen Gottschalk.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 6. Introduced by Davis, 43.

WHEREAS, Hyannis High School won the 2014 Class D-2 One-Act Play State Championship with their performance of "Schubert's Last Serenade" ; and

WHEREAS, this is Hyannis High School's second Class D-2 One-Act Play State Championship in a row; and

WHEREAS, Gabe Haney was named outstanding male performer, and Isabel Safarik was named outstanding female performer; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Hyannis High School for winning the 2014 Class D-2 One-Act Play State Championship, applauds the performance of Gabe Haney and Isabel Safarik, and recognizes the work of director Jeanne Gentry and assistant director Amanda Macy.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hyannis High School One-Act team and to Jeanne Gentry and Amanda Macy.

Laid over.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee elected Senator Davis as Vice Chairperson.

Senator Sullivan announced the Education Committee will meet Friday, January 9, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 2022.

MOTION - Escort Committees

Senator Watermeier moved that a series of committees be appointed to escort the various state and constitutional officers for the purpose of administering their oaths of office.

The motion prevailed.

RECESS

At 11:18 a.m., on a motion by Senator McCoy, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Hadley presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Presentation of Colors by the Nebraska Army and Air National Guard.

INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Chief Justice Michael G. Heavican, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected state officials.

Governor Pete Ricketts delivered the following inaugural address:

“We can grow Nebraska.”

President Foley, Speaker Hadley, Chief Justice Heavican, Members of the Legislature, distinguished guests, family, and fellow Nebraskans.

Congratulations on beginning the 104th Nebraska Legislature. I am humbled and honored to serve you as the 40th Governor of the great State of Nebraska.

Welcome to the new members of the Unicameral and my fellow constitutional officers. I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

Today, as is with all inauguration days, is a time of new beginning for the state of Nebraska. As I look into the future, I'm optimistic about the road that lies ahead. We have a great state, filled with opportunity.

It is also a time to take stock. We've turned the calendar to 2015. In a little over two years, we will celebrate Nebraska's 150th anniversary of statehood.

Our rich history is deeply rooted in freedom, opportunity, liberty, and the hope for a better life for future generations.

A few years before statehood in 1862, the Homestead Act was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln, who also selected Nebraska to be a crossroads for a great transcontinental railroad.

The first Homesteaders were citizens, immigrants, and freed slaves. They traveled hundreds of miles to Nebraska by foot, wagon train and railroad seeking a better life.

A special incentive was provided for the patriots who served in the Union Army. One of the first Homesteaders, Daniel Freeman, was one such soldier. He claimed a piece of land at Cub Creek near Beatrice. Another veteran, Robert Ball Anderson, was a former slave who earned his freedom in the Union Army. In 1870, he became the first freed African-American Homesteader.

Today we gather in Lincoln, our state capital, named for one of the greatest of American presidents who shaped the destiny of our state. We continue to welcome all those who value freedom and are in search of a better life. We welcome people from all over the world, who study at our great Universities or work at our businesses, farms and ranches. And as our forefathers did a century and a half ago, we honor the veterans—the men and women who sacrificed and served our country.

Folks, we have a beautiful state filled with tremendous opportunity from the Missouri River to the Sandhills to the Pine Ridge.

Nebraska is what America is supposed to be.

The strength of our state lies in our people. Nebraskans are engaged in their communities, their schools, and their churches. And when we have problems, we find ways to work together despite our differences.

The future of our state continues to depend on our ability to pull together, to solve problems, and to grow Nebraska. I am excited to work together in a spirit of collaboration to move our great state forward.

To create the futures that Nebraska families want and deserve we must work toward four goals.

First, we must strengthen our economy and create jobs. These priorities go hand in hand. We must create more and better paying jobs for our kids and grandkids and attract kids from across the country. We must create the 21st century infrastructure and pro-growth policies that foster investment by business and productivity for our farms and ranches.

However, there's a major barrier to growing jobs in our state: Nebraska's high taxes. We must cut taxes.

Whether you're a homeowner, farmer, rancher, or small business owner, everyone feels the burden of high taxes.

Nebraskans from Alliance to Syracuse have expressed their strong interest in finding a pathway to property tax relief. That is my number one priority this year.

At the same time, we must act responsibly. It is our constitutional duty to balance our budget while funding the priorities that the people of Nebraska care about most.

Next, we must reduce regulatory burdens. Whether it's a livestock producer in Bridgeport or a manufacturer in Deshler, business owners bear the burden of oppressive over regulation.

As governor, I will stand up to the excessive regulation forced on us by Washington. At the state level, I will work to ensure our regulatory process is fair, transparent, and more efficient.

In addition, we must strengthen our education system. We must make sure our young people have the skills they need to compete in a 21st century global economy and in particular career and vocational training. Every manufacturer I've spoken to has told me they can't find enough skilled labor, and it's a barrier to them expanding in our state.

In the coming weeks, I will continue to meet with members of the legislature to build relationships so that we can Grow Nebraska.

As we work together, you will have other ideas on how to reach our goals. You may have other concerns you are hearing from your constituents. I promise I will listen closely and with an open mind.

Nebraskans want government to work. They hold us to high standards. I will work hard each and every day to meet those standards and safeguard the public's trust. I urge Nebraskans everywhere to stay engaged: You are the second house. Hold us accountable for what we achieve and help us Grow Nebraska

In the words of Virginia Smith, the only woman to represent Nebraska in the

U.S. House of Representatives, "There is no excellence without great labor."

On behalf of my wife Susanne and our entire family, thank you very much, and God Bless the people of this great state.

The Governor, Lt. Governor, their families, and other newly elected state officials were escorted from the Chamber.

VISITOR

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Dale Michels from Lincoln.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:51 p.m., on a motion by Senator Cook, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 9, 2015.

Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature